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### UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

#### DISTRICT OF OREGON

### MEDFORD DIVISION

Case No.:

10-3083-CL

SANDI WILFONG,

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COMPLAINT; - C

FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES

ACT (15 USC § 1692a, et seq.);

PERSOLVE, LLC,

VS.

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

Defendant.

Plaintiff,

### I. INTRODUCTION

1. This is an action for damages brought by an individual consumer for Defendant's violations of the federal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act, 15 U.S.C. § 1692, et seq. (hereinafter "FDCPA").

### II. JURISDICTION

2. Plaintiff's claim for violations of the FDCPA arises under 15 U.S.C. § 1692k(d), and therefore involves a "federal question" pursuant to 28 USC § 1331.

#### III. PARTIES

3. Plaintiff, Sandi Wilfong ("Plaintiff"), is a natural person residing in

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Klamath County, Oregon.

4. Defendant, Persolve, LLC, ("Defendant") is a corporation engaged in the business of collecting debts by use of the mails and telephone. Defendant regularly attempts to collect debts alleged due another.

### IV. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS

- 5. Defendant is a "debt collector" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(6).
  - 6. Plaintiff is a "consumer" as defined by the FDCPA, 15 U.S.C. § 1692a(3).
- 7. All activities of Defendant set out herein were undertaken in connection with the collection of a "debt," as defined by 15 USC § 1692a(5).
- 8. Within the last year, Defendant took multiple actions in an attempt to collect a debt from Plaintiff. Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA in multiple ways, including the following.
- 9. Defendant communicated with Plaintiff after having received a letter from Plaintiff with a request to cease and desist all collection contacts or a statement that Plaintiff refuses to pay the debt. Plaintiff contends that these contacts violated 15 USC § 1692c(c).
- 10. After having received a written communication from Plaintiff disputing the debt within the 30-day period described by 15 USC § 1692g(a), Defendant continued to contact Plaintiff other than through formal court pleadings and never provided validation of the debt (§ 1692g(b)).

- 11. As a result of the aforementioned violations, Plaintiff suffered and continues to suffer injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.
- 12. Defendant intended to cause, by means of the actions detailed above, injuries to Plaintiff's feelings, personal humiliation, embarrassment, mental anguish and severe emotional distress.
- 13. Defendant's actions, detailed above, were undertaken with extraordinary disregard of, or indifference to, known or highly probable risks to purported debtors.
- 14. To the extent Defendant's actions, detailed in paragraphs 8-10, were carried out by an employee of Defendant, that employee was acting within the scope of his or her employment.

# **COUNT I: VIOLATION OF FAIR DEBT COLLECTION PRACTICES ACT**

- 15. Plaintiff reincorporates by reference all of the preceding paragraphs.
- 16. The preceding paragraphs state a *prima facie* case for Plaintiff and against Defendant for violations of the FDCPA, §§ 1692g(b) & 1692c(c).

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully prays that judgment be entered against the Defendant for the following:

- A. Declaratory judgment that Defendant's conduct violated the FDCPA;
- B. Actual damages pursuant to 15 USC 1692k;

- C. Statutory damages pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k;
- D. Costs, disbursements and reasonable attorney's fees for all successful claims, and any unsuccessful claims arising out of the same transaction or occurrence as the successful claims, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 1692k; and,
  - E. For such other and further relief as may be just and proper.

## PLAINTIFF HEREBY REQUESTS A TRIAL BY JURY

Dated this 26<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2010.

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